SCRIPT NOBUAKI KANAZAWA
ART J-TA YAMADA
CHAPTER 19
KING'S GAME ORIGIN
YUUJI.
HEY, RYUUJI.
THEY DREW SOME BLOOD... AGAIN.
FINISHED WITH YOUR EXAM?
YEAH. THEY GOT DONE QUICK THIS TIME.
YEAH...
THEY CUT THE TIME BACK WHEN THE KING'S LETTERS STOPPED
LESS TIME IN COUN-SELING, TOO

IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE THE LAST LETTER
THE COPS ARE GETTING COMPLACENT.
IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS FOR A WHOLE WEEK THEY'RE GONNA LEAVE ENTIRELY.
THE KING'S GAME IS OVER, HUH ..?
I REALLY HOPE THAT'S TRUE...
YEAH, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT.
BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY SISTER.
I WILL, YEAH...

SANAE WON'T EVEN LEAVE MY SIDE.
SHE'S ONLY COMFORT-ABLE AT THE MEETING HALL BECAUSE THE COPS ARE THERE.
YEAH...
I'M SURE SHE'S SCARED THE KING IS GONNA GET ME NEXT.
YEAH, MY MOM TRIES TO STAY WITH ME 24 HOURS A DAY.
CAN'T BLAME 'EM, AFTER ALL THE OTHER FAMILY WE'VE LOST...
BLURBLE
BLURBLE
TRUE, TRUE.
KAZUNARI, TOO.
HE'S UP IN THE MOUTAINS AGAIN, SEARCHING FOR NATSU-KO.

I THINK TOMORROW I'M GONNA GO WITH HIM AND TRY TO HELP.
HE ALREADY LOST HIS DAD AND HIS GRANDMA...
...AND NOW NATSUKO TOO...?
BETWEEN YOU AND ME, I HAVE NO IDEA IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE.
BESIDES... BUT I OWE IT TO KAZUNARI.
HE'S MY FRIEND.
ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS... BEFORE THE KING SHOWED, WE DID NOTHING BUT HAVE FUN.
NO REASON FOR THAT TO CHANGE NOW
SPLOOSH

WE'LL LET THE COPS PROTECT SANAE AND YOUR MOM.
HUH?
OKAY THEN. TOMORROW WE'LL JOIN KAZUNARI!
YOU'RE RIGHT, WE DON'T HAVE TO LET THE KING...
...RUIN OUR FRIEND-SHIP.
KAZUNARI'S STILL NOT BACK?
MICHIKO!

HOW ABOUT YOU, MICHIKO?
YOU'RE HIS FRIEND TOO, RIGHT?
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT GOING WITH HIM TOMORROW
NOPE HE'S STILL OUT LOOKING FOR NATSUKO
WASTE OF TIME.
WHEN IS HE GONNA GIVE UP ON HER?
?
H-HEY, MICHIKO...

YEAH.
ARE YOU GOING BACK ALONE?
JUST BECAUSE THE LETTERS HAVE STOPPED DOESN'T MEAN THE KING'S GAME IS OVER.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT BY YOURSELF—
DON'T BE SUCH A WIMP, I'M FINE.
MICHIKO WAIT!
THE HELL'S HER PROBLEM?
I'LL WALK YOU!

I...
...BEFORE THE KING...
I WANT TO...
...AS IT WAS...
OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL STAY THE SAME...
RYUUJI...
I'M STILL WORRIED!
AS A FRIEND!
I SAID I'M FINE
AND...

I'VE LOVED YOU...
...THIS WHOLE TIME.
MICHIKO, IS THIS REALLY THE TIME FOR THIS?
ESPECIALLY HOW YOU'RE SO EARNEST, SO HONEST..
MICHI-KO..

SERI-
OUSLY.
SO KIND-HEARTED THAT EVEN IN THIS HORRIBLE SITUATION, YOU'RE MORE WORRIED ABOUT OTHERS THAN YOURSELF I THINK IT'S AMAZING.
TICK
TOCK
TICK
TICK
WOULD I HAVE ANY REASON TO LIE TO YOU AT THIS POINT, KAZUNARI?
I-I...

WHOA, WHOA.
I WASN'T ASKING YOU TO RESPOND OR ANY-THING.
I MEAN...
...FOR START-ERS.
I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL YOU ONLY HAVE EYES FOR NATSUKO

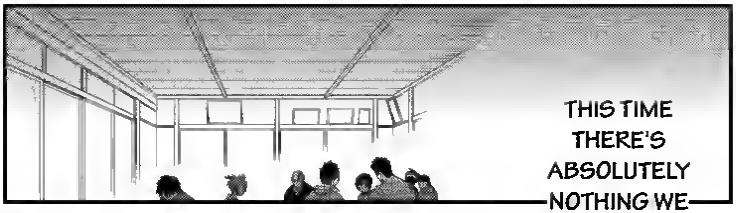
THEN WHY WOULD YOU TELL ME NOW...
...AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

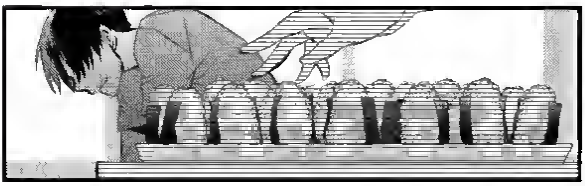
BECAUSE IT'S A "TIME LIKE THIS."
THE KING HASN'T STOPPED SENDING ORDERS
TWO MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE TODAY.
SHFF
AND IF ONE OF THEM HAPPENS TO BE YOU OR ME...
I'D LOSE MY CHANCE TO TELL YOU HOW I FEEL.

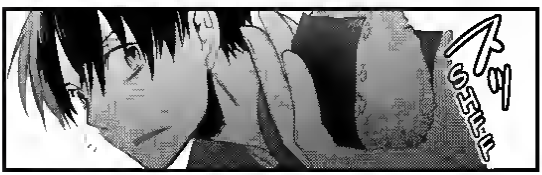
SHE'S RIGHT...TWO MORE PEOPLE...
SHOVE
TWO ...
GASP
GRIT
...WILL SUFFER THAT PUNISHMENT.
...THE PROBABILITY JUST WENT UP.
IN FACT...
SHIVER

WHETHER IT'S BY SUICIDE OR PUNISH-MENT...
...AT FOUR O'CLOCK, ONE OF US NINE WILL DIE.
THEN EIGHT HOURS LATER, ONE OF THE EIGHT RE-MANING...
...WILL FOLLOW THEM.
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE FEELING BAD ABOUT KOUJI-SAN.

EVERYONE STAY HERE!
DO NOT LEAVE THIS ROOM UNDER ANY CIR-CUM-STANCES!
DOES IT MATTER? STAYING, LEAVING, IT'S ALL THE SAME.
TWO MORE!


THIS TIME THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WE CAN DO.


LIKE SHE SAID, BY SUICIDE OR PUNISHMNENT...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...THREE PEOPLE WILL DIE TODAY.

SHAKE
SHAKE

TICK
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TICK
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FRIDAY
AUGUST
19, 3:57
P.M.
SOMEONE I'M VERY CLOSE TO WILL BE TAKEN.
EVEN IF I SURVIVE...
...HOW COULD I POSSIBLY BE HAPPY ABOUT IT?

TOCK
TICK
HERE IT COMES.
WHO'LL
GULP
TIME FOR LOTTERY DRAWING NUMBER TWO
BE?
IT
TOCK
TICK

PSSH, WHY EVEN BOTHER WITH THE DOCTORS?
NOT LIKE THEY CAN DO ANYTHING.
RYUUJI— RYUUJI..
AAAH—
SANAE.
MICHIKO'S RIGHT
ALL THE DOCTORS DIDN'T MAKE ONE BIT OF DIFFERENCE.
THEY DID THEIR EXAMS, THEY DREW BLOOD, NOTHING.
THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT THE KING.
THE COPS, TOO

WANNA MAKE OUT ONE MORE TIME?
JUST IN CASE?
NUDGE
HEY, KAZU-NARI...
ONE OF US MIGHT BE NEXT ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK.
...SHUT THE HELL UP.

TICK
TOCK
YEAH, YEAH... NO SENSE OF HUMOR.
WELL...
HERE WE GO...

WHO...
...THIS TIME?
...WILL BE PUNISHED...
SNAP
M-ME...
AAAA

M-ME...?
FLOP
HE... CHOSE... ME?

SISANAE!
AAAH
WHA
WHY...?
AAAH
AAH
SANAE!
SQUEEZE
!IT'SOKAY
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
CRUNCH

OW—
S-SOME ONE—!
IT HURTS!!
IT...
HELP ...
SOME-ONE SAVE HER!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
POKE
SKSSSHH
SANAE!

WHAT DO I DO, WHAT DO I DO?!
IT HURTS...
IT HURTS...
YUUJI... I'M SORRY...
I...
NO...
AAH
AAH
AAH
POP
AAH
CRACK
SPLIT
SPLIT

NONE OF US...
...CAN HELP SANAE-SAN NOW!
WE'RE POWERLESS!

PLEASE... PLEASE LET IT END...
DON'T LET HER SUFFER.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR HER SCREAM ANYMORE.
TO HEAR HER BONES SNAPPING.
TO HEAR YUUJI CRYING IN ANGUISH.
I'M ACTUALLY PRAYING FOR A CLOSE FRIEND TO DIE.
SANAE!

SANAE...
SIS...
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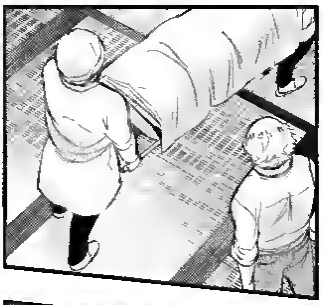
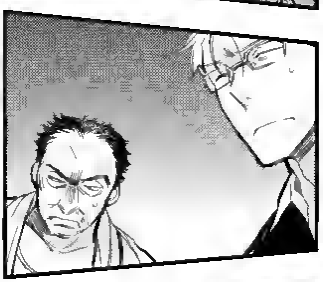
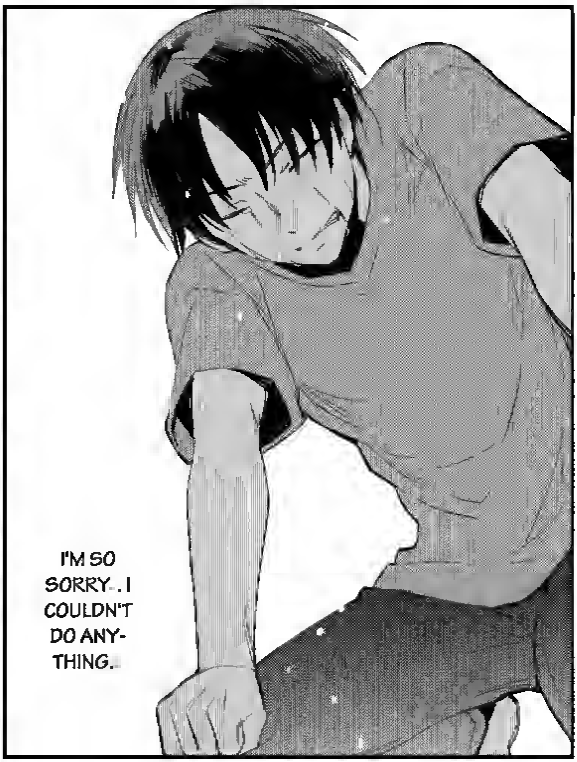
ブラン
FLOP

SANAE-SAN...
SHE PLAYED WITH ME A LOT BACK WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID
I WAS 24 YEARS OLD EIGHT YEARS OLDER THAN US
AND SHE'D BRING HOME-MADE SNACKS WHEN I WENT TO YUUJI'S HOUSE TO PLAY

SANAE-SAN...
CLENCH
WOBBLE






I'M SO SORRY...I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING.

WHEW
LAST ROUND, HUH...
I WONDER WHO'LL BE NEXT?

...THE
KING'S
IDENTITY?!